

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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## MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :

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Emergency MPD :

Reimbursable Detail : Public

Rulemaking : Hearing

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APRIL 29, 2015

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

met in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing

Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street N.W.,

Washington, D.C., Chairperson Ruthanne Miller,

presiding.

**PRESENT:**

**RUTHANNE MILLER, Chairperson**

**DONALD BROOKS, Member**

**NICK ALBERTI, Member**

**HECTOR RODRIGUEZ, Member**

**MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member**

**JAMES SHORT, Member**

**HERMAN JONES, Member**

1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 11:30 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay, we're going  
4 to get going with the proposed rulemakings. We  
5 have two this morning. The first one is MPD  
6 reimbursable detail proposed rulemaking.

7 Is anyone here to testify on that  
8 case? Could you come forward? Thank you.

9 So, we're here today to conduct a  
10 public hearing and take comments on a proposed  
11 rulemaking that modifies Section 718 of Title 23  
12 of the DCMR, regarding the MPD reimbursable  
13 details subsidy program.

14 Specifically, the proposed rules  
15 increase the percentage of distribution of  
16 subsidies paid by ABRA to MPD from 50 percent to  
17 70 percent, when covering the costs incurred by  
18 ABC licensees for MPD officers working  
19 reimbursable details under the program.

20 I will begin this hearing by calling  
21 on the witness who notified the Agency in  
22 advance, regarding her desire to address the

1 Board. That would be Kristen Bardin from Adams  
2 Morgan, and I will also entertain comments from  
3 other interested parties, if there are any,  
4 afterwards.

5 Additionally, interested parties are  
6 permitted to submit written comment for the  
7 Board's consideration, by no later than 4:00  
8 p.m., Friday, May 8th, 2015.

9 Okay, good morning.

10 MR. BARDIN: Good morning.

11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Would you start  
12 by introducing yourself?

13 MR. BARDIN: Sure. I'm Kristen  
14 Bardin, and I'm the Executive Director of the  
15 Adams Morgan Partnership Business Improvement  
16 District.

17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay, thank you  
18 for coming.

19 MR. BARDIN: Sure. I've been the  
20 Executive Director of the Adams Morgan bid since  
21 2008, and I'm here today to support the emergency  
22 rules that modify the terms of the reimbursable

1 detail officer RDO subsidy program, by increasing  
2 the number of days covered by the RDO subsidy,  
3 the percentage paid by ABRA and the inclusion of  
4 ABRA Board approved special events where alcohol  
5 is to be sold or served.

6 The Adams Morgan bid, like the other  
7 bids in D.C., is funded mostly through a tax on  
8 the commercial property owners to provide  
9 additional cleaning, safety and marketing  
10 services above what the D.C. Government offer,  
11 with the goal of generating economic growth to  
12 benefit everyone.

13 We have participated in the RDO  
14 program since 2007, and have established a  
15 weekend safety program built upon the RDO's and  
16 effective coordination with MPD.

17 The system we have created has proven  
18 to be very successful at reducing criminal  
19 activity in Adams Morgan on weekend nights, and  
20 has provided MPD officers where and when they are  
21 most needed.

22 We think it is really a model program

1 that could be duplicated in other parts of the  
2 city. It is a model program because it is well-  
3 managed.

4 We have developed a program that best  
5 meets the needs of our constituents and provides  
6 an exceptional level of public safety in the  
7 commercial corridor.

8 Yes, incidents still happen and they  
9 happen right in front of the MPD in the RDO's,  
10 but through the RDO program, we have the  
11 assurance that there are trained professionals  
12 ready and available to handle situations as they  
13 arise.

14 We have hired RDO's in recent years on  
15 just Friday and Saturday nights, during the  
16 reimbursable hours, which we determined to be  
17 when they were most needed.

18 Ideally however, MPD would be able to  
19 have sufficient resources, such that the RDO  
20 program would not be necessary.

21 However, until that happens, the RDO  
22 subsidy is necessary and essential to maintaining

1 public safety in Adams Morgan.

2 We support the extension of the  
3 program to seven days a week. The increased  
4 percentage of cost-share and enabling RDO's to be  
5 hired for special events. We would that event  
6 like the Adams Morgan Day Festival every  
7 September, in which we participate, but do not  
8 organize, would be eligible to participate in the  
9 RDO program.

10 We have, on occasion, also hired RDO's  
11 for holidays such as New Year's Eve, and special  
12 events like Saint Patrick's Day. The increased  
13 program coverage would enable us to hire  
14 additional officers on those days and would  
15 increase public safety.

16 The additional percentage of subsidy  
17 is really helping our bottom line. We are able  
18 to put some of the money we previously spent on  
19 RDO's into marketing, which is an important  
20 component of the work we do and a line item for  
21 which we never have money.

22 I anticipate that like the Adams

1 Morgan partnership bid, many will now take  
2 advantage of this expanded program and the funds  
3 will quickly be spent. I urge ABRA to closely  
4 monitor the spending and ensure that there is  
5 sufficient funding to last the full budget cycle.

6 Should the funding get very low, I  
7 hope the program could reverse back to just  
8 Friday and Saturday nights, to maintain the core  
9 goals of the original program.

10 I see the legislation requires ABRA to  
11 notify MPD when the funding gets below \$250,000.

12 I don't see any mention of what would happen  
13 however, and I hope that that can be explained.

14 Thank you for the opportunity to  
15 comment on the RDO program. This kind of  
16 collaboration is what makes our city thrive, and  
17 thank you for your support of the Adams Morgan  
18 partnership bid's goals.

19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you very  
20 much. Any questions? Okay, I don't think we  
21 have any questions. I think we're pretty much on  
22 the same page.



1 MR. BARDIN: Yes, okay, all right,  
2 great.

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay, but it's  
4 great to know that, you know, you have that  
5 support.

6 MR. BARDIN: Yes, great. Yes, we  
7 really appreciate it, and especially the  
8 increased percentage of reimbursement. That  
9 helps us a lot.

10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Right, great,  
11 okay.

12 MR. BARDIN: All right, thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you. I'm  
14 sorry, we do have a question.

15 MEMBER BROOKS: I just want to thank  
16 Ms. Bardin.

17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

18 MEMBER BROOKS: We hear and certainly  
19 support her request on this.

20 MEMBER SHORT: I'll second that.

21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Great, okay,  
22 thank you.

1 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
2 went off the record at 11:35 a.m.)  
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